

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner indicated claims 38-42 are allowable.

Claims 3, 7, 13, and 17 have been placed in a condition suitable for allowance.

The remaining claims have been canceled, without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant submits that no fees are required for entry of this Amendment After Final. If any fees are deemed necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 5, 2006

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